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## Study says merchants disobey law

By MEGAN TADY  
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville residents should not be breathing any easier despite an ordinance to stop selling tobacco to minors.

A Merchant Education breakfast took place on Wednesday at the Hangar in an effort to re-educate businesses on the ordinance and show results of compliance tests. Maryville Public Safety, Citizens for Smoke-free Maryville and Maryville C-2000 teamed up for the event.

All 20 merchants invited failed to appear at the event, leaving a room full of speakers, pamphlets and cold eggs.

The meeting had intended to share information about a recent compliance check, which found 12-of-14 stores that sell tobacco products were willing to sell to a minor.

Two high school students, Gentry Swink and Bobbie Jo Coats, both 17, of Savannah, performed the check by attempting to buy cigarettes from local businesses.

"It bothers me so much that it is so easy," said Swink, who is chairperson for the outreach committee for Stop Tobacco Among Many People. "A lot of people smoke at our school and they can buy their own cigarettes."

Stephanie Erdman, the County Health Educator, thinks the lack of participation at the meeting shows businesses do not take the ordinance seriously enough.

"It is really disappointing," Erdman said. "We hoped businesses would have an interest in how well they did. We are trying to take the positive side of this and educate, educate, educate. But they are not being very receptive even though they are breaking the law."

Maryville Public Safety enforces ordinance No. 5577, which prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors. Possible penalties range from \$500 fine to jail time.

"We know we can't keep all the youth from starting, but we can send out as much messages as possible to show that it is a really dangerous drug they are playing with," Erdman said.

Erdman said her intent was not to create problems with the businesses. "We sympathize with the concerns that they have, but on the other end we want to make sure the safety of the youth is protected," Erdman said.

And as the statistics of youth smokers rise, so does the need for this protection, Erdman said.



The merchants compliance check is explained by Gentry Swink and Bobbie Jo Coats at the Public Safety breakfast Wednesday morning. Swink and Coats went into local businesses to see if they could buy cigarettes even though they were underage. The study found 12-

of-14 stores that sell tobacco products were willing to sell to a minor. The meeting was meant to be a discussion between community members, merchants and public safety officials. However the 20 merchants that were invited declined to attend.

### ORDINANCE No. 5577

In order to decrease rising sales among youths, ordinance No. 5577, Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors was established in 1997. This ordinance:

- Prohibits the sale and distribution to people younger than 18 years old.
- Requires a photo ID with date of birth
- Requires all tobacco sales to be in a face-to-face
- Bans tobacco vending machines in areas that are accessible to persons under the age of 18.

## Freshman Seminar director to leave Northwest

By MARK HORNICKEL  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After being named to the position last fall, Northwest's Director of Freshman Seminar will be leaving after the current trimester.



Greg Roper  
Director of  
Freshman  
Seminar and  
Associate  
professor of  
English

Greg Roper, who also serves as an associate professor of English/arts and sciences, has accepted a position at his alma mater, the University of Dallas.

While Roper said he was anxious to return to the school, major reasons for the move are to be closer to family and an opportunity for Roper's son, Gabriel, to spend time with

his grandparents.

"My folks still live in the Dallas area," Roper said. "He was only born 20 months ago and you start having these

conversations that we wish we were closer to his grandparents, and we want him to get to know his grandparents better, and they're getting older."

However, Roper is sorry to be leaving so soon after accepting his new post.

"Of all the things, that's the one I feel bad about," he said. "I really did take the job in good faith. I was looking forward to it and everything about it. I feel like we got things going in the right direction. I just feel bad that so quickly I have to leave."

Roper said he is pleased with the issues that have been dealt with so far for the course, and he hopes that the person who fills his position can continue the momentum.

"What we've really been pointing towards even this fall, and I was surprised we progressed this quickly, but getting the covenant really fully integrated into that course," Roper said. "We took a look at it and we sort of realized it's getting bigger and bigger. There's more things that people want to be added and you've got to do alcohol, you've got to do sex and you've got to do this, and you've got the academic things. So what we decided that really

the way to think is not let's expand and add more, but let's re-focus."

Roper said the fundamental assignment for students will be to make a plan for courses and co-curricular activities.

Roper earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia and joined Northwest in 1995.

His most rewarding experiences at Northwest have occurred in the classroom with students, Roper said.

"That's what I do," he said. "They've all been little moments that are really hard to describe outside of the context, but moments where students caught on with something, or I felt students beginning to get control of their education."

In addition, Roper helped to establish Northwest's newest varsity sport, women's soccer. Roper coached the team while it was a club sport during the 1997 and 1998 seasons. The team then became a varsity sport last fall.

"If you would have asked me when I first came here, that was not even on the horizon," Roper said. "Not even a radar blip at all. It fell into my lap. They came to me one day and two years later, there's a varsity soccer team."

"The tough thing about teaching, in some ways it's so ephemeral. You never really know the effect. It's over and the students go somewhere else and half of them you never see again or you bump into them one day. It's sort of nice to know that I did something permanent and got something established."

Provost Tim Gilmour said the University is preparing its search strategy for another person from the University faculty, and he hopes to wrap the search up early this summer.

Gilmour said he is pleased with the work Roper has completed.

"Greg's departure will be a great loss," he said. "Although, he had just begun the Seminar directorship, it was clear that he had the ability to lead Freshman Seminar in fresh new directions and to make it an even more effective element in the University's efforts to increase the success of our students."

Roper said he has mixed emotions, comparing the move to graduation.

"I've been here five years," he said. "It's long enough to set down some roots and feel part of the community and then you leave. But life has changed."



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/  
CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Keith Buswell character Angel, argues with Senior nate Stuber who plays Al, during dress rehearsal for "On the Open Road" Tuesday evening at Charles Johnson Theater. The play will run Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, admission is free. During their journey to get to the Land of the Free.

## Jesus featured in play about men's journey

By TODD SHAWLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Communication and Theater Arts Department will again be hitting the stage Friday evening at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, when the lab series "On the Open Road" is performed.

Senior theater performance major Ben Sumrall, who is directing and performing a small role in the show, said the play takes place in an apocalyptic, battle-scarred land which has been devastated by civil war.

The play involves the journey of two men, Al and Angel, and their struggles to ultimately understand how they relate to one another and the world around them. In the end, one of the men, an intellectual and the other, a laborer, hope to find their way to what they refer to as the "Land of the Free."

The play will also feature, in a nontraditional way, the character Jesus, who has returned to Earth, Sumrall said.

"Instead of returning to Earth and preaching to people as usual, Jesus will instead tour the ravaged countryside playing the cello," he said.

The role Jesus plays in the story is for a reason, Sumrall said.

"The approach we're taking is trying to deal with the aspect of truth in human relationship," he said. "We view the characters of Al and Angel in a setting where everything is destroyed. All the traditional values, government and traditional structures are no longer in place, and we see exposed the true heart of their dealing with each other and how they really feel about people they come in contact with, and that's what the play deals with. That is the type of role this strange version of Jesus ends up taking, which is representing that truth in human relations."

For those attending the performance, the theater crew will provide discussion guides to all social groups and student organizations interested in using the production as a focal point for group activities.

The six-member cast will perform "On the Open Road" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission will be \$2.

### Swinging into spring

Stephen Schulte receives a big push from Becca Seipel Wednesday afternoon. Many children and families took the opportunity of the nice weather to relax and enjoy themselves outdoors.

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## Students to vote next week

Annual Student Senate elections to take place

By BURTON TAYLOR  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTER

In an attempt to make voting for Student Senate officers easier, the organization moved its ballot from the VAX to the Northwest home page.

Voting this year will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, and continue until 5 p.m. Friday. In order to vote, students may access the University Web page and select WebStar and click on "vote."

Students will elect all positions of the organization.

Presidential candidates include sophomores Shenaz Abreo and Dan Ayala, Juniors Walid Johnson and Kent Ruehter and graduate student Danielle Saunders.

All presidential candidates have held an office in Student Senate in recent years, but each has a different reason for running.

Ruehter said, if elected, he will focus on unifying the group of senators and playing a neutral role in the decision-making process.

"I think that emotions tend to flare in here and people get upset, but I think I can have a good detail to what's going on and stay impartial at the same time," Ruehter said.

Ruehter has held four positions on

Senate including freshmen and sophomore representative, vice president of student affairs and off campus representative.

Although he may be an experienced candidate, Ruehter may be linked to the theft of a table from the Department of Mass Communication.

Marla McCrary, department secretary, said she did not see Ruehter take the table but had strong suspicion of his involvement in the matter. The table was returned following her investigation.

Ruehter said he knew about the table being taken but chose not to comment on whether he was involved.

Kevin King, president of RTNDA, said there was also suspicion of Ruehter taking money from returned funds out of the organization's travel budget. At the time of the incident Ruehter was involved with the organization.

Ruehter said the incident was a mix up and the money he took was going to be given to another member of the organization to reimburse them for the cost of the trip.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ District Music Contest</li> <li>■ Maryville Middle School Sixth Grade Awards Assembly</li> <li>8 a.m., Maryville Middle School</li> <li>■ Maryville R-II Staff Development</li> <li>Early dismissal, 11:10 a.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ District Music Contest</li> <li>■ Lab Series</li> <li>Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Studio</li> <li>■ Maryville R-II Staff Development</li> <li>No School</li> <li>■ State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum</li> <li>Columbia, Mo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ April Fools' Day</li> <li>■ Overeaters Anonymous</li> <li>9 a.m., Northwest door at St. Francis Hospital</li> <li>■ State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum</li> <li>Columbia, Mo.</li> <li>■ State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training</li> <li>Stewartsville, Mo.</li> <li>■ C-Base test</li> <li>■ ACT test</li> <li>■ Lab Series</li> <li>Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Studio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Daylight savings time begins</li> <li>■ College of Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation</li> <li>2 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater</li> <li>■ Northwest Jazz Ensemble/Alumni Jazz Concert</li> <li>4 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center</li> </ul>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Northwest Week</li> <li>■ Human Environmental Services week</li> <li>■ Alcoholics Anonymous</li> <li>6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church</li> <li>■ AI-A-Non</li> <li>6 p.m., Maryville United Methodist Church</li> <li>■ Ceramic Exhibit by Robert Clark opens, DeLuce Gallery</li> <li>■ Intramural pickleball entries close</li> <li>Noon, Student Recreation Center</li> <li>■ Maryville Middle School DARE Graduation</li> <li>7 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Northwest Week</li> <li>■ Human Environmental Services week</li> <li>■ Narcotics Anonymous</li> <li>6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church</li> <li>■ Student Senate Meeting</li> <li>7 p.m., Golden Hall, Room 3500</li> <li>■ North district business contest</li> <li>■ Maryville Middle School Concert</li> <li>Choir tryouts - 8th Grade</li> <li>3:15 - 4:30 p.m., Maryville Middle School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Northwest Week</li> <li>■ Human Environmental Services week</li> <li>■ Alcoholics Anonymous</li> <li>6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church</li> <li>■ AI-A-Non</li> <li>6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex</li> <li>■ CLEP, GED and MAT tests</li> <li>■ Student employment recognition banquet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Northwest Week</li> <li>■ Human Environmental Services week</li> <li>■ CLEP, GED and MAT tests</li> <li>■ National day of silence</li> <li>■ New Nodaway Humane Society sandwich and salad luncheon</li> <li>11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church</li> </ul>

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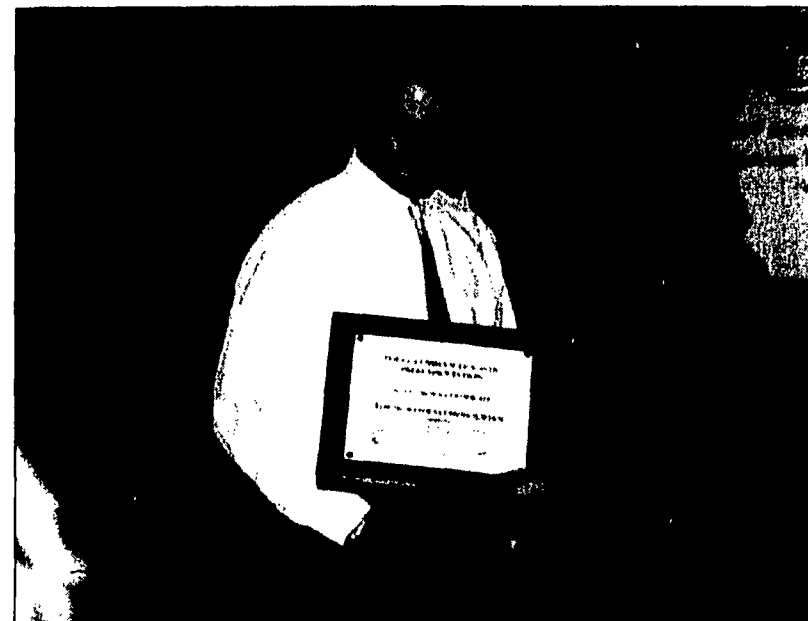


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At the 22nd Annual College Media Convention on March 16, Jacob DiPietre, editor of the 1999 Northwest Missourian, accepts the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Silver Crown Award. The Convention was held in New York City at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. The Silver Crown Award is the second-highest honor that a publication could receive at the media convention. The Missourian was one of 361 college newspapers from around the nation that entered the 2000 Gold Crown Awards. The Missourian was the only weekly newspaper as well as the only Division II paper to receive an award at the ceremony. Staffers from publications attending the event also were able to attend sessions, speakers and media tours to help them improve their publications.

## Local establishment facing hearing, possible sanctions

By ROB J. BROWN  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Maryville City Council showed concern over the conduct of a local liquor establishment in its meeting Monday.

Director of Public Safety Keith Wood revealed in a report to the council that Molly's has received 12 liquor violations since Jan. 1 of this year.

The council then voted to hold a liquor license suspension hearing with the owner of Molly's.

City Manager David Angerer said in the upcoming hearing the bar owner will be required to answer the council's questions.

"To have them at the very least explain why the incidence of underage drinking and other violations of the law are occurring in their establishment at such an alarming rate," Angerer said.

Wood said the amount of violations Molly's has received is well above the other local bars.

"It had 12 offenses, while one of the other establishments had five and yet another had three," Wood said.

Angerer said Molly's already has more violations than it received in all of 1999.

"I think they did a pretty good job last year, in all of 1999 they had

eight violations of the city's liquor ordinances," Angerer said. "But in the first two and a half months of this year they had 12 which lead to the council to set up a license hearing."

Angerer said in Molly's defense some of the violations they have received were probably beyond their ability to control.

"There were kids that were presenting fake IDs, something that we don't normally hold the establishment owner responsible for, but there were still quite a few violations where they did have some reasonable opportunity to control," he said.

At the hearing the council has several options. They can hand out a warning to the bar owner, issue a temporary suspension, or revoke the liquor license completely. "I think they should have to explain (their conduct)," Angerer said. "If they can't explain it satisfactorily they should suffer the consequences."

Wood said despite the high number of liquor offenses, Molly's will not be under extra surveillance.

"We don't plan anything special," Wood said. "The random inspections will continue and then of course we'll inspect on complaints and things of that nature."

## NORTHWEST

### Convocation to honor arts and science students

The College of Arts and Sciences will have its annual Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. April 2 at the Charles Johnson Theater.

Each department within the college presents several scholarships to students who will be honored during the formal ceremony, which will include remarks by University President Dean Hubbard and Taylor Barnes, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Northwest's Brass Quintet will also perform. A reception in the foyer of the Charles Johnson Theater will take place afterward.

### Writers' series to end with fiction reading

The second year of the Visiting Writers Series will come to a close April 4 when Northwest welcomes writer Cathy Day for a fiction reading and student manuscript workshop.

Day, a creative writing instructor from the College of New Jersey, has been completing a short story collection titled "Circus People" over the last year she has been working under the financial support of an Artist Fellowship from the Bush Foundation.

The Visiting Writers Series is organized by Scribblers, the Northwest Creative Writing Organization. Day's reading will begin at 8 p.m. April 4 at the University Conference

Center West. Admission is free. For more information contact Catie Rosemurgy at 562-1559.

## MARYVILLE

### Lutheran church preps to break ground

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 931 S. Main St., will hold ground-breaking ceremonies at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, directly following the morning worship service.

Construction of the 3,000 square foot addition to the building will be started in mid-April and will be done by Ellison-Auxier Architects out of St. Joseph.

During the ceremony, members of the congregation who were members of the church when ground was broken for the original structure in 1962 will be recognized. Along with the addition and renovation, a new paved parking lot will be added with the help of congregational pledges and support from Johnson Funeral Homes.

## REGIONAL

### Walk to raise money for seminary students

The 5th annual Abbey Trails 5K run and two-mile walk will take place at 9 a.m. April 8 at Conception Abbey in Conception. The benefit will raise money for the Conception Seminary College Wellness Program.

Registration the day of the event costs \$20. All participants receive a T-shirt, brunch after the race and a tour of Conception Abbey, including the recently renovated Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Race day registration and packets will be available on the plaza in front of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. the day of the race.

For more information on Abbey Trails, contact Dan Madden, Director of Communications, at (660) 944-2823, or by e-mail at dmadden@conception.edu.

### Democratic delegates to be selected

All Democrats in Nodaway County, interested in participating in the delegate selection process should gather at Nodaway County Courthouse Annex Thursday for a mass county meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is the first level of the delegate selection process in Missouri and will eventually lead to selection of Democratic delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held on Aug. 14-17 in Los Angeles. People elected Thursday will attend their Congressional District Convention April 27 and the State Convention May 13.

Participation is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats, who are residents of and registered voters in Nodaway County and who are at least 18 years old.

For further information, contact John Hopper Jr., the Nodaway

County Committee Chair, at (660) 562-2450.

### Annual music contest to be held this weekend

Northwest is sponsoring the annual Missouri State High School Activities Association District Music Contest. The contest began March 25 and will continue to run Thursday through Saturday.

Fifty-three area high schools from the Northwest District will compete in instrumental and vocal events. Soloists and small ensembles receiving a superior I rating will advance to the state competition in Columbia.

### College production depicts mystery

North Central Missouri College in Trenton will present its spring production "It's Murder in the Wings" April 7 and 8.

It is directed by Vicki Wheeler, communication instructor at NCMC.

Tickets are priced at \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens and can be purchased by calling 660-359-3948.

"It's Murder in the Wings" is a mystery comedy set in the Wings Publishing Company. When a murder occurs, the characters try to figure out who the real murderer is.

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## OUR VIEW

### Golden Dollar

*People collect coins instead of circulating, while others argue about its value*

The U.S. Mint recently released the new Golden Dollar coins, but its true value has yet to be seen. Rather than letting the coins filter back into circulation, people are collecting the coins in lots of them.

The government created the new coins to be more convenient and longer lasting than paper money. But by keeping the coins out of circulation, the entire point of issuing the coins is being lost.

To get the most benefit from the coins, they need to be used in everyday transactions. They have no collective value because they were issued in regular circulation, so there is no reason to stockpile them. Save a couple for your coin collection, but use the rest.

Vending machines and other coin-operated machines are becoming equipped to handle the coins; mass transit and toll booths have been using the coins since its introduction.

The government foresees the coins to become more useful than dollar bills, but some argue that it is unlikely — their point: the Susan B. Anthony dollar of 1971. This coin was intended to put an end to the dollar bill, but it did not work as well as planned.

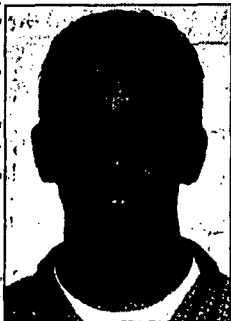
The coin was nearly identical to the quarter in size and weight, so the two coins were easily mistaken. Another reason it failed was that people did not like carrying a lot of coins.

The design of the new Golden Dollar should eliminate the problem, but will people want to carry the coins even if they are more convenient? Only time will tell. Give the coins a chance and see if they are worth the gold they are made of.

**YOUR VIEW...**  
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## MY VIEW

### Everyone counts, homeless more than a number



**CODY SNAPP**  
GRAPHICS EDITOR

Stand up and be counted. No matter who you are, you are worth money somehow.

It has been 10 years since the last count — the census count that is. But this year there is a big twist on how census workers go about doing the work.

I do not remember the last census. If I did maybe I would have remembered all the hoopla that is happening now. Radio and television commercials telling you to go do it, because it is good for your hometown. Yes, that might be true, but I do not like the feeling that there is a price on my head.

After watching KQ2 one night, I saw a few commercials with Larry Stobbs, the mayor of St. Joseph, and community leaders, telling people to fill out the form and send it back because it means \$2,500 for each person in a city. Yet I cannot do anything about that money, dealing with me, and I do not understand why they are trying to cash in on so much money.

See, the U.S. Census Bureau has put the burden on a team of individuals to go out and count how many homeless people there are in northern Missouri.

This count has taken weeks to plan for 37 counties in northern Missouri. I will explain a little about the adventure this "team" will be going on. Very early in the morning, when everybody is in slumber, the crew will set out and count how many people are living under

bridges, along railroad tracks and in many other outdoor spots. They will not wake the homeless, just marking them down on their pad of paper as one. No names, no questions, they will not ask anything, just a mark on their little paper.

I feel sorry for the homeless people, and if I was one I would be mad that my own town is making money off me while I live in the streets. What is the point?

Will this money that they get after they count the homeless people go toward a shelter or maybe a halfway home? Maybe it is just my thinking, but if you take all the money the census will receive off people in Maryville, it adds up to about \$15 million. That is a lot of money, not to mention how many people will be found living in other places that do not have a mailbox or addresses.

It is weird to think about how much one person is worth in a small town. Maybe this so-called team could just be going out and counting anything that moves in a box or shadow.

Maybe that is their whole plan — go out at night and count the dogs and cats. Con the government out of a little money, so we can get a skating rink or something. Does my dog Rocky count?

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## NATIONAL VIEW

### Russian president must enact widespread reforms, end war

THE STATE NEWS (MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — Vladimir Putin's election as president of Russia is a step toward total democracy, but Putin must make changes to help the economy and people.

In an election fought mainly between democracy and communism, Putin edged out communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov. The 10 other candidates in the election lagged far behind, taking a small percentage of votes.

In August, Putin was named prime minister by then-president Boris Yeltsin. Only one month later, Putin made many Russian people happy by launching an offensive against Chechnya. When Yeltsin retired on New Year's Eve, he named Putin acting president.

Many supporting Putin were unsure where he stood on many issues. His strongest opponent, from the Communist Party, called him a "dark horse" and criticized his vagueness on many issues.

As a candidate, Putin was honest about the issues. He seemed overwhelmed with the reforms he wants to implement. The new president said during his campaign that he wanted to battle corruption, increase the strength of the military and fight poverty and social injustice. Immediately after being elected, Putin demanded the government pay back wages to state workers — some which had been unpaid for months.

Although about 53 percent of Russians favored Putin and his democratic stance, many did not. Russia and Putin need to learn a lesson from the election. If the country doesn't steadily improve its economy, support for communism may increase from this election's 23 percent of voters. If Putin had failed to capture more than 50 percent of the vote, a run-off election would have been scheduled for April 16. The election was much closer than the numbers suggest.

An important obstacle Putin will have to overcome is the situation with Chechnya. It would be best if Russia's newest president could end the war quickly, but this probably will not happen. Ending this war would send a message to the international community and prove that Putin can lead with compassion.

Because of the war, there has been increasing immigration to the southern part of Russia. One quarter of Chechnya's population is estimated to have fled the country. The government and Putin must deal maturely with the war and the people coming into the country. Putin must deal with the situation he has created responsibly.

The new president must also enact social reforms. Russia defines its poverty level as those who make 829 rubles, or about \$34 a month. About half the population — 60 million — are estimated to live at or below poverty level. Social programs and major reforms are needed to improve the living conditions of Russia's population. This should be one of Putin's major focuses.

Putin has many obstacles to overcome during his term. He must help create a stronger democracy through improvement of social programs and dealing with the war in Chechnya, or risk communism's return in the next election.

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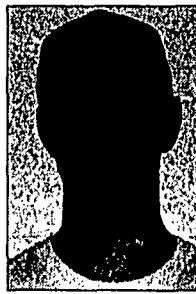
## YOUR VIEW

*Which team do you think will win the NCAA Tournament?*



"I think that Michigan State will win. They were my second choice after Iowa State."

**Jayna Vaccaro**  
Psychology major



"North Carolina will win it. They have played really well throughout the tournament and they are a powerhouse team, even though they haven't played well this year."

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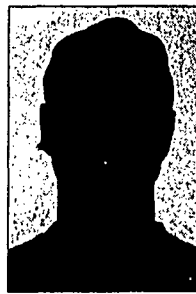
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**Casey Powers**  
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# Area students compete in agriculture contest

By SARA SITZMAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students from around northwest Missouri competed in various agricultural contests Tuesday at Northwest.

Agricultural departments from 50 high schools competed in the contests.

Northwest plays host to these contests annually to help the area students further their agricultural education.

There are 15 categories of contests ranging from meats, dairy cattle and soils to forestry and agricultural mechanics.

Students compete in teams of four with the winning teams advancing to the state competition in Columbia April 13 and 14.

A total of 121 teams from the northwest region will advance to

state to compete in various fields.

Becky Corkins of East Buchanan High School participated in the field crops contest. She had to complete a test of 100 questions and identify various plants.

"These contests will help me in my profession as an agricultural teacher," Corkins said.

Marvin Hoskey, assistant professor of agriculture and coordinator of the contest, said the most popular contest is entomology, where students identify different insects. Agriculture sales is the smallest competition, but it is also one of the newer categories.

All of the contests require students to take a written examination. Many contests are simply the students providing the correct answers.

Hoskey said when judges are

needed they are faculty members or people from the community who are strong in a particular area of agriculture.

Northwest agriculture students also helped with the event. The students participated as group leaders escorting schools around campus, scorers and by putting entries into computers.

"Without the students this event would be a lot more difficult," Hoskey said. "It's a big group effort between the faculty and students."

Leadership contests were held Wednesday in Cameron. Hoskey announced the results of the contests and awarded plaques and pins to students.

All results can be found at Hoskey's Web site, <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/~hoskey/contest.htm>



Students from high schools around northwest Missouri take notes on several types of milk which they had to taste test Tuesday afternoon. The milk sampling was part of the dairy

foods session of the District Agriculture Career Development events and was held at the University Conference Center. More than 50 schools took part in the annual event.

## Jazz pianist performance makes lasting impression

By LEAH RUNYAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Jazz pianist George Maurer looked emotional as he shared a past experience with his audience.

He spoke of a time when after a performance people came up to him talking of how a specific song really touched them or reminded them of a loved one, or even a special place. Maurer's next comment surprised and entertained many.

"I never had the heart to tell them that I just wrote that piece about my dog," Maurer said.

Having been named "Campus Entertainer of the Year" three times in his young career, Maurer certainly lives up to his reputation, and Tuesday evening in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Northwest students had the opportunity to listen to him perform.

Having grown up in Minnesota, Maurer attributes most of his inspiration for his songs to either nature, or interesting people he has met in his life.

Two songs that he included in his program

were especially memorable. "When Eagles Dance" was a song written by Maurer in respect to signs in nature. Another song, "The Brother Willy Shuffle," told a humorous tale of an monkey, clad in overalls, who walked the halls of his college and visited with the students. Maurer used musical effects to represent things such as shuffling feet and knocks on the door.

Later in the performance, Maurer was joined by longtime friend and guest jazz vocalist, Aaron-Keith Stewart. Together Maurer and Stewart performed several jazz songs including a piece from "The Wizard of Oz."

Those in attendance seemed impressed by his way of bringing comedy and music together. Brian Cross, music performance major, said he enjoyed the performance.

"Wow," said Cross, "He's really talented."

Maurer currently has 11 albums including his latest entitled, "Falling Colors." His music has been heard across the nation on jazz networks and Public Radio. Maurer has also performed for the United Nations and at the White House.



Guest jazz vocalist Aaron-Keith Stewart performs along side pianist George Maurer Tuesday evening at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Maurer has made 11 albums to date. His latest album is titled "Falling Colors."

## Domino's makes record bid

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

Domino's Pizza in Maryville is looking to break a world record Saturday for the most pizzas sold in an hour.

Domino's Public Relations Director Christian Hornbaker said the store is hoping to break the current Domino's world record of 836 pizzas, which was set in April 1995 in Commerce City, Colo.

"We would be happy just breaking the record," Hornbaker said. "Selling even 850 pizzas would be great, but our personal goal is to break it by 1,000 pizzas sold in an hour."

He said the record-breaking attempt is in coordination with Domino's 10-year anniversary with co-owners Dave and Les Ackman.

"He's (Dave) really thankful of the community for accepting him," Hornbaker said. "He is pleased with the success of the store and the help he has received from everyone."

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday Domino's Pizza is offering small

pepperoni, sausage and cheese pizzas for \$2.80 plus tax.

The pizzas will be carryout only, with one exception. If more than 20 pizzas are ordered, Domino's will offer delivery service. No limit is being placed on the number of pizzas one individual can request at the promotional price.

Hornbaker said the store is planning to have more than 30 people on staff for the event, some of which are being brought in from other stores across the state of Missouri. A professional pizza maker from the Dominos Corporation will round off the staffing for the event.

Customers may also have the opportunity to win prizes, ranging from gift certificates to larger items, such as a lawn mower, grill and a camcorder, Hornbaker said.

He said the record their store is attempting to break is not in the Guinness Book of World Records, but is a Domino's record. He said he is not aware of another business in the pizza industry that has a similar record.



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# Candy store moves to new area in Union

By KATIE WAHLERT  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Sweets 'n Treats opened in its permanent location on the second floor of the Student Union Tuesday. Barry Beacom, campus dining director, said the move had to be done in order to complete the Union construction which is expected to be done June 1, two months earlier than planned.

The move brings several improvements including a popcorn popper which Beacom said he hopes will be up and running next week.

Pretzels will also be back on the scene next fall. Other upgrades in equipment such as menu boards will not be installed until summer but the facilities are 90 percent completed and can function, Beacom said.

However, the Sweets 'n Treats area will not be open this summer and the Food Court will have limited hours.

Sweets 'n Treats' former location on the first floor will be part of a fine-dining establishment, Bobby's Cafe, which will offer an all-you-can-eat buffet at lunch and made-to-order entrees in the evening. The cafe will open this fall.

It was decided Sweets 'n Treats should be located on the second floor for the convenience of students and other groups using the third floor of the Union.

Beacom said putting the candy store and with Java City, the coffee house which is to open this fall, on the second floor combined with the living-room affect and the amount of traffic running through the Union "seemed like natural ends for that kind of activity."

A game room will be located behind the candy store when renovations are completed.

The candy store, which has grown from just a three-foot section on the counter 10 years ago, has developed into a popular candy

store offering a variety of candy and snacks to suit everyone's interests. Freshens, the yogurt and smoothies establishment, provides an extra taste to the place.

"I think the biggest thing for it is to have all the variety that can have that we can hit as many people's favorite item," Beacom said. "I think it's being able to cover that variety and please as many people as we can."

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Beacom said the store does not receive enough business to be open on the weekends.

Sweets 'n Treats, and Freshens average about \$6,000 a week in sales, which is about five percent of the \$100,000 of the University food services sales per week.

Beacom said the money is used to cover product cost and the remaining funds go to the help cover the remodeling of the Union.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER HARRISON/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sweets 'n Treat opened its permanent location in the Student Union on the second floor. The store will include a popcorn popper, and it will also have pretzels next fall. In the space left from Sweets 'n Treat on the first floor, will be a fine-dining establishment, Bobby's Cafe, set to open this fall.

## Celebration of Northwest to kick off

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

The annual celebration of Northwest via Northwest Week will begin Sunday evening when Comedy Sportz takes the stage in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Stacy Cummings, vice president of special events for Student Senate, said their performance will involve two teams consisting of four people and a referee, who compete for laughs and points. Their entire show is improvisational and based on suggestions from the crowd.

Cummings said bringing Comedy Sportz to Northwest fit along with this year's goal to make Northwest Week bigger.

"We were looking for something everyone would like to attend," Cummings said. "A lot of us had seen it before and really enjoyed it." Comedy Sportz is sponsored by Student Senate. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and costs \$2.

Northwest Week is being co-sponsored by Student Senate, Residence Hall Association, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Spotlight and Alliance of Black Collegians.

Cummings said Northwest Week was opened up to other organizations this year in an attempt to not only make the event bigger, but to give Greeks and independents a chance to collaborate for one cause. She referred to this year's Northwest Week as a "rebuilding year."

Northwest Week events run through April 7. One of the events include Community Service Day on April 4. Participants will volunteer at the Children's Center and the Maryville Health Care Center. Cummings said presidents of organizations on campus were asked to have their members participate, and students who are not involved in any type of campus organization are encouraged to participate. Students can call the Student Senate office at 562-1218.

Other events include panel discussions, the Tower Queen contest, Big Man on Campus, cookouts and games at the Bell Tower.

For more information contact Stacy Cummings at 582-3672.

## Supreme Court rules for student fees to fund campus organizations

By LORI MORENCY  
U-WIRE

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court unanimously ruled March 22 that public colleges and universities could use money from mandatory student fees to fund campus groups that engage in speech others might find objectionable.

The decision in the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin vs. Scott Harold Southworth et al. means that women's groups expressing their stance on abortion, student papers writing controversial editorials, and groups serving gay and lesbian students can continue operation while funded by student fees.

The case originated when Scott Southworth, along with the original plaintiffs, former UW law students Amy Schoepke, Keith Bannach, Rebecca Bretz and Rebecca Vander Werf, sued the UW Board of Regents in April 1996.

They claimed mandatory student fees funding private organizations violated their First Amend-

ment rights. The funding, which was assessed at \$165.75 per student in the academic year the case was filed, was mandatory in the sense that students cannot graduate or receive their grades if they do not pay.

In October 1998, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld an earlier Wisconsin court ruling that the mandatory fees violated the plaintiffs' First Amendment rights by forcing them to support political and ideological positions with which they did not agree.

The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court and heard by the Court Nov. 9, 1999. Authored by Justice Anthony J. Kennedy, the Supreme Court ruling stated that the First Amendment supports a public university charging student fees if the program is "viewpoint neutral."

The Court raised a question in their decision about one piece of the allocation process called a referendum mechanism.

The ruling did not sustain UW's student referendum, "which appears to permit the exaction of fees

in violation of the viewpoint neutrality principle," according to the ruling. A decision on the referendum mechanism was remanded back to the 7th Circuit Court.

Wednesday's decision marked the end of discussion at UW that had been especially robust over the past 18 months.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Roger Howard said the University of Wisconsin is pleased the Court ruled unanimously and that the text of the ruling includes positive language about the kind of beneficial impact universities can expect from programs that encourage diverse speech.

"It's a great day at Wisconsin after four years of a hard fought argument ... on all sides of the issue," he said.

While waiting for the decision, the process of allocating UW student fees has been underway, Howard said, although the staff found it impossible to plan for changes had there been an adverse decision.

"We knew enough about the alternatives to our current fee system to know there would be potentially a ton of work involved (if the decision had been upheld)," he said.

Organizations defending student fees celebrated the reversal Wednesday.

Michael Adams, associate director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project called the decision a "great victory" for students and student groups.

"This is especially important for lesbian and gay groups because they have been the targets for organized efforts by right wing groups attempting to de-fund them," he said.

Adams said the case emerged out of a well-organized legal effort by groups including the Alliance Defense Fund and conservative Christian organizations that tried to discourage participation.

The Student Press Law Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief outlining the potential impact on student media.

Mark Goodman, of the SPLC said

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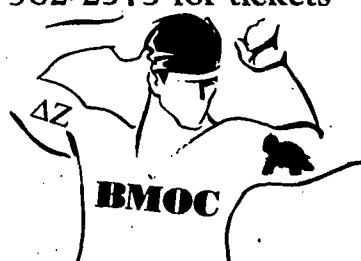
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Saunders, who does not serve on Senate this trimester decided to run because of the way decisions are currently made in the organization. She said Senate allows too many issues to pass without questioning them enough.

"It was like this before," she said. "It was like people were just yes-ing things left and right and letting things pass."

Saunders said one of the reasons she is experienced for this position is because of her previous position at Westmar University. Saunders was vice president of the Westmar's student government.

Although she feels strongly about issues concerning Senate, Saunders may not have the best history with her peers on Student Senate who impeached her last year.

She was impeached for not fulfilling her duties while serving as senior class representative. However, she was not removed from office.

"I don't think it hinders me but I think it really shows that I stand up for what I believe in," Saunders said.

Abreo said she is running because since joining the organization, her motivation to lead the group and make changes has increased.

"I'm never going to claim that I'm liked by all because that is not my aspiration," she said. "I'm simply a student aspiring to play a role in Student Senate."

Although she is very optimistic with the race, Abreo said if anything were to hinder her candidacy it would be other's perception of her personality.

"A lot of people view me as unapproachable but as they get to

know me they realize that's not true," Abreo said. "That is really something I have been working to change."

Ayala, who was unavailable at press time, is running for president because he wishes to break away from the norm and address issues in policies that have not been discussed in the past, said Tamara Wallace, who is running for vice president and shares a campaign ticket with Ayala.

"He gets really passionate and it's that same passion that will help him in Senate," Wallace said.

Ayala was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, which is viewed by some as a possible hindrance if he is elected, fearing that if he becomes ill during his term the Student body would suffer.

Earlier this trimester, Ayala announced to Student Senate that he would be slowing down with his activities. However, Wallace said it has done nothing but make him stronger and work harder.

"The doctor said he will be 100 percent by then and I have complete faith in him and his abilities to do the job well," Wallace said.

Johnson, also campaigning for the top position, said his motive is based on getting the students what they want.

"I want to make sure that when I leave here students will have what they deserve," he said.

Johnson has not held a position on Senate in more than a year which may hurt his votes among younger students.

"I think the freshmen class may not know me and my accomplishments, but if they don't, all they have to do is ask," Johnson said.



**SHENAZ ABREO**  
SOPHOMORE

## STUDENT SENATE INVOLVEMENT:

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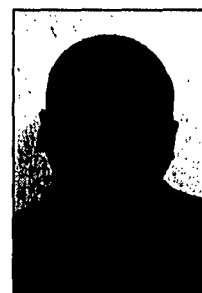
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## STUDENT SENATE INVOLVEMENT:

- Vice president of student affairs
- Academic affairs committee
- Public relations committee
- Special events committee
- Financial affairs committee

## UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Alpha Mu Gamma/Phi Sigma Iota
- Residence Hall Association



**WALID JOHNSON**  
JUNIOR

## STUDENT SENATE INVOLVEMENT:

- Sophomore class representative
- Policy committee
- Financial affairs committee

## UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Vice president of Residence Hall Association



**KENT RUEHTER**  
JUNIOR

## STUDENT SENATE INVOLVEMENT:

- Vice president of student affairs
- Off campus representative
- Coordinated ambassador trip to Jefferson City, Mo.

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- KDLX promotions director
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**DANIELLE SAUNDERS**  
GRADUATE STUDENT

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- Freshman class representative
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- Vice president of academic affairs

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# Warmer weather raises safety issues

Advice offered on prevention of vehicles and bicycle accidents

By TODD SHAWLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Although spring and summer is a welcome sight in the Midwest, students should recognize the hazards which accompany warm weather and plan accordingly to protect themselves and their personal property.

Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green said common sense could help prevent or alleviate some of the situations which come with warmer weather.

One problem is the possibility of injury, especially to pedestrians and bicyclists because of busier streets shared by automobiles and increased numbers of bikes.

"Motorists should probably just slow it down a bit and be more cautious about their surroundings," Green said. "Bicyclists should be more alert, as well."

Another consideration relating to bikes and vehicles is the possibility of thefts. Because more people are out, the risk of theft increases, Green said. However, there are a few basic precautions students can take to decrease their chances of losing valuable personal property.

"Make sure all vehicles and bi-

cycles are secured as much as possible," Green said. "Although students may want to keep vehicles' windows cranked open when it gets hot, this also increases the possibility that thefts will occur."

Green said they do have problems with bicycle theft occasionally, because individuals who do not secure them with a safety chain.

"We do have a free bicycle registration program that we encourage folks to use," Green said. "We recover 25 to 30 bikes per year. If the bikes have a sticker, we can often return them to the owners."

A number of other potential personal safety issues were raised by Green, including poor vehicle safety maintenance, heat exhaustion and the increased possibility of personal attacks.

Green urged students to perform basic preventative maintenance to vehicles, in order to maximize driving safety, drink plenty of liquids during periods of hot weather and extreme exercise and travel in groups after dark if at all possible.

Green also said Campus Safety offers an escort service to any individual not wishing to travel to or from campus alone.

## FACTS AND FIGURES



### A national problem

- 6,000 pedestrians are killed every year.
- 90,000 pedestrians are injured every year.
- A pedestrian or bicyclist is killed every 3 minutes.
- Pedestrian injuries and fatalities result in \$20 billion in societal costs.

### Who dies as a pedestrian?

- 58 percent are working adults.
- 23 percent are elderly persons ages 65 or older.
- 19 percent are children up to the age of 19.

### What role does alcohol play?

- 36 percent of all pedestrian fatalities have been drinking (30 percent are intoxicated).
- 19 percent of all drivers in pedestrian crashes were drinking (13 percent intoxicated).

\* source: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

# U. Michigan official found dead in office, self-inflicted wounds

Investigation of matter underway

By DAVID ENDERS  
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — An employee of the University's Information and Technology Division was found dead Tuesday morning of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Kurt Zimmer, 41, was found in an ITD office by a security guard at Arbor Lakes Office Complex. There was no readily apparent motivation for suicide and results of an autopsy are expected Wednesday. The Department of Public Safety is investigating the matter.

Zimmer was a University graduate and had been an accountant for ITD since 1998. He was an Ann Arbor City Council Member until 1994.

"He was dedicated to his political beliefs and his family," Councilman Joe Upton (R-Ward V) said. Zimmer left City Council around the time his first child was born, Upton said.

ITD Director and University Chief Information Officer Jose-

Marie Griffiths and University Provost Nancy Cantor stood outside the office building this morning to make ITD staff aware of the situation.

Employees with offices near Zimmer's were sent home as a result of the investigation.

"We are shocked and saddened by Kurt's death," Griffiths said in a written statement. He was very well liked by his colleagues in the Information Technology Division and by others in the University community."

Wanda Monroe, spokeswoman for the CIO, said Zimmer entered the building at 1:17 a.m. on Monday, but it was unclear when the shot was fired.

Monroe said ITD was quick to provide employees with any necessary help in dealing with the loss of a co-worker.

"We've been in contact with faculty and staff and counselors have been provided," she said.

Zimmer is survived by his wife, Carol, and their two children.

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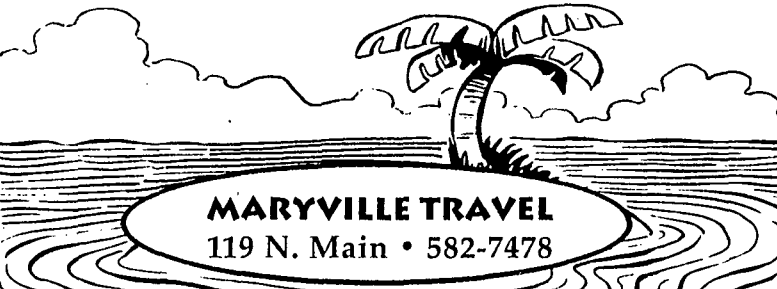
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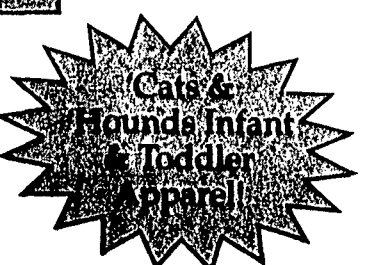
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## Northwest Arboretum receives award, continues to improve

By LEAH RUNYAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The many trees around campus have been homes to squirrels and provided shade for students wanting to study out of the sun. However, there is more to these trees than one would expect and the Missouri Urban and Community Forest Advisory Council thinks so too.

Earlier this month, the Northwest Arboretum, containing more than 1,300 trees, was awarded the annual Communitree Award for exemplary stewardship of community trees.

While 45 separate groups and organizations submitted their individual projects, only four awards were given, one to each category.

Northwest was chosen for the award based on the Arboretum's inventory and updates, the maintenance, the outreach program to the community and also Maryville's status as a Tree City USA.

Lezlee Johnson, arboretum coordinator, is thrilled Northwest was awarded this prestigious plaque. Johnson said the Arboretum at Northwest not only serves the

University, but the entire Maryville community.

"Northwest contains 10 percent of Maryville's trees," she said. "It's a very large segment of the entire community's tree population."

The Arboretum provides a learning opportunity for students on campus. Sophomore Patrick Rice is glad to have had the opportunity to utilize the facility in one of his classes.

*"...it not only beautifies campus, but it's a very important educational tool."*

PATRICK RICE  
NORTHWEST STUDENT

"I think it's a very good asset to the Northwest campus because it not only beautifies the campus, but it's a very important educational tool to the students in the biology departments," Rice said.

The Arboretum is cared for by the Arboretum Committee. This committee consists of several faculty and staff members, groundskeepers and a student intern who developed the Northwest Arboretum Web page last summer.

Improvements are constantly taking place. The Tree Walk, just one part of the Arboretum, has recently been redone. There is now one tree of each species identified throughout the Tree Walk, increasing the number from 85 to more than 100.

## Statues on display at Conception Abbey

Collection contains more than 200 Madonnas donated by collector

By SARA SITZMAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Time weathered artifacts, pieces of history and a display of Madonnas are all new additions to Conception Abbey.

The Madonna display is on the second floor of the Abbey and was donated in 1998 by Father Tom Wiederholt.

The Madonna collection has more than 200 statues of various styles and shapes that sit in decorated cases. However, not all the statues are on display because of the vast number of them.

Brother Mark Kosiba, director of major and planned gifts, said the displays are an attempt to honor past monks of Conception and alumni of the seminary, like Father Wiederholt.

Father Wiederholt started collecting Madonnas after his ordination in 1963. His collection grew with the help of the family of Theresa Bose, a woman whom he used to take communion.

Many of the Madonnas are from Spain while other statues originated in Hawaii, China, Africa, Japan and Mexico. There are statues crafted of jade, which range in color from shades of green to blue.

"I have found that even a lot of non-Catholics have a devotion to the Virgin Mother," Kosiba said.

Some of the Madonnas are Hummel statues, and all of Hummel's statues are one of a kind. One Madonna in the collection is made of paper mache. The largest Madonna is made of oak and was brought from Cologne, Germany, in 1892.

A new Heritage Center was also opened at Conception Abbey this month. Many artifacts and pictures are on display to represent the history surrounding the Abbey.

Some of the items displayed are an authentic widow's mite that is talked about in the Gospels, a large collection of rare books dating back to the 11th Century and Austrian Queen Zita's rosary.

"There is a lot of history here and the local people helped establish this monastery," Kosiba said.

There is a section of the Heritage Center that represents the Printery House. The Printery House was started in the early 1930s. Last year it sold more than five million Christmas cards. Kosiba said the Printery House maintains the monks financially.

The guest department is included in the display. Since the restoration of the Basilica last March there have been more than 20,000 guests. The practice at Conception Abbey is to treat all guests as Christ themselves.



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A jade Madonna is pointed out by Brother Mark Kosiba, Director of Major and Planned Gifts. He said that the jade statues are a few of his favorites from the collection of more than 200 Madonnas on display at Conception Abbey.

Older photos and yearbooks are shown from the Conception Seminary.

The Seminary was established in 1888 and was the first college in the northwest Missouri area.

Also displayed is the trophy Conception Seminary earned after winning the National Seminary Cham-

pionship in basketball this year.

A future display is planned on the impact of monks on missions. Kosiba said the lives of monks are really ones of service.

"We wanted to share this with our public, not just northwest Missouri, but the guests from all over the world," Kosiba said.

## Business is blooming at Earl May garden shop

By ELIZABETH CROWNOVER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the weather gets warmer and spring approaches, Earl May Garden and Nursery is booming with business.

Located at 2818 South Main Street, across from Country Kitchen, Earl May does the majority of its business during the spring and fall.

Earl May is a family owned company with more than 60 individual stores in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Currently owned by Betty Jane Shaw, granddaughter of Earl May, the garden centers now dot the region from Sioux City, Iowa to Kansas City, Mo., to Iowa City, Iowa.

Earl May is a full service nursery including shrubbery, trees, flowers, pets, landscaping, chemicals and other garden maintenance products.

Chuck Ellis, head landscape designer and assistant manager of the Maryville location, does landscaping for Earl May not only in Maryville, but in several surrounding towns.

He and his four landscapers do both commercial and residential landscaping.

Two of their biggest accounts are

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working with Kawasaki and the University, completing projects such as Lamkin Gym and the residential halls.

Earl May employs six to ten University students a year and also offers internships with its gardening and landscaping.

Late March and early April are the busiest times for Earl May, with students and Maryville residents alike coming in for flowers to decorate their gardens.

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Mary Rose, of Earl May Garden and Nursery, rings up her sale tickets on Monday afternoon. Earl May is a nursery including shrubbery, trees, flowers, fish, birds and other garden products.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

**March 15**  
■ Officers received a report from a Maryville female that an individual was purchasing items used in the production of methamphetamine at a business in the 1300 block of South Main Street. Paul J. Sanders, 22, Maryville, was charged with possession of chemical with intent to create a controlled substance.

**March 17**  
■ Officers responded to an accident at the intersection of South Main Street and South Avenue. Elsie M. Farrell, 73, Maryville, failed to yield to Lawrence L. Skoglund, 62, Barnard, as he was traveling south on South Main Street. Farrell was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Officers responded to a report of a loud party in the 700 block of East Seventh Street. Chastity M. Davidson, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

**March 18**  
■ While on patrol in the 800 block of South Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle cross over the center line. The driver was identified as Ryan E. Woodward, 21, Sidney, Neb. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for failure to stay on the right side of the roadway, and having an open container in a moving vehicle.

■ A Maryville female reported that she had been receiving harassing messages on her car while parked in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

■ Officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Second Street to return property. While at the residence, a keg containing intoxicating beverages was observed. Brent G. Cline, 19, Maryville, and Matthew S. Herring, 19, Maryville, were issued summons for minor in possession.

**March 19**  
■ An officer received a report of a possible larceny at a business in the 1200

block of South Main Street. Phillip B. Volner, 36, Pickering, was issued a summons for larceny.

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of South Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle make a left turn without using the left turning lane. The driver was identified as Michael G. Matthews, 23, Maryville. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for improper turn and having an open container in a moving vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that some compact discs were taken from his car while parked at his residence in the 700 block of South Alco Street.

**March 24**  
■ Officers responded to a report of a loud party in the 400 block of West Fifth Street. Edward W. Schafer, 20, Maryville, was issued summons for peace disturbance and minor in possession.

**March 25**  
■ While on patrol in the 700 block of East Third Street, an officer observed a vehicle cross over the center line. The driver was identified as Karissa T. Buck, 20, Oregon, Mo. While talking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which she could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ While on patrol in the 1500 block of South Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle without properly displayed registration. The driver was identified as Shawn L. Owens, 23, Ravenwood. Owens had a warrant from Holt County, and was issued citations for failure to properly display registration, driving without a valid drivers license, and having an open container in the vehicle. He is currently being held at Nodaway County Jail.

**March 26**  
■ Officers received a report that two individuals had left a business in the 1400

block of South Main Street without paying for an item. The suspects were stopped and identified as Gregory A. Brumfield, 18, Bedford, Iowa, and William E. Black, 18, Bedford, Iowa. They were issued summons for larceny and minor in possession. Gary K. Brumfield, 21, Bedford, Iowa, was issued a citation for supplying alcohol to a minor and having an open container in the vehicle.

**March 27**  
■ While on patrol in the 300 block of West Seventh Street, an officer observed a vehicle with an expired temporary license. The driver was identified as Daniel S. Nowosielski, 18, Maryville. His license was suspended, and he was issued citations for improper registration and driving while suspended. He was released after posting bond.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

**March 17**  
■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage to a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot west of Garrett Strong.

**March 18**  
■ Campus Safety observed a vehicle fail to stop at the intersection of Ninth Street and University Drive. Contact was made with the occupants of the vehicle and alcohol was discovered. Two summons for possessions of alcohol on campus was issued.

**March 20**  
■ Dyann Varnes reported the theft of a computer from Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

**March 26**  
■ Campus Safety observed a vehicle driving on the sidewalk in front of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

**March 27**  
■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from the parking lot behind Perrin Hall for excessive parking violations.

■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from the parking lot west of Garrett-Strong for excessive parking violations.

■ Campus Safety investigated a property damage report in Franken Hall. Contact was made with the suspect and a summons for property damage was issued.

■ Campus Safety investigated a theft report from Millikan Hall.

## BIRTHS

**Brenden Daine Hightshoe**  
William and JamiSu Hightshoe, Kellerton, Iowa, are the parents of Brenden Daine, born March 22, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces, and joins a brother, Brysen. His grandparents are Pat Paris and Dean Allen, Redding, Iowa; James and Carolyn Wallace, Galatia, Ill.; and David and Shirley Hightshoe, Mt. Airy, Iowa.

**Megan Ellen Murphy**  
Danny and Nancy Murphy, Stanberry, are the parents of Megan Ellen, born March 22, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed eight pounds, two ounces, and joins two brothers, Travis and Aaron. Her grandparents are Alfred and Fran Wilmes, Maryville; and Elmo and Ethel Murphy, Stanberry.

**Eli Garrett Scroggie**  
Ron and Deanna Scroggie, Ravenwood, are the parents of Eli Garrett, born March 22, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed nine pounds, five ounces, and joins several brothers and sisters. His grandparents are Arza and LaVera Boswell, Ravenwood; and Chris Scroggie.

**Trace Matthew Hunt**  
Rachel Diggs and Matthew Hunt, Hopkins, are the parents of Trace Matthew, born March 22, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces. His grandparents are David and Connie Diggs, Maryville; and Doug and Diana Hunt, Elmo.

**Faith Helene Sleep**  
Greg and Tracy Sleep, Bedford, Iowa, are the parents of Faith Helene, born

March 20, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces. Her grandparents are Nancy Hawn, Bedford, Iowa; and Robert and Mary Jo Sleep, Bedford, Iowa.

**Michael Patrick Immel**  
Pat and Terry Immel, Maryville, are the parents of Michael Patrick, born March 20, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed nine pounds, 10 ounces, and joins one sister, Madison. His grandparents are Irvin and Joan Immel, Larsen, Wis.

**Zachary Ryan Staples**  
Devin and Jennifer Staples, Maryville, are the parents of Zachary Ryan, born March 17, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces. His grandparents are Ron and Becky Dew, Maryville; and Edwin and Shirley Staples, Mound City.

**Jared James Moser**  
Jeff and Jenny Moser, Maryville, are the parents of Jared James, born March 13, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces, and joins one sister, Jordyn. His grandparents are Jim and Dixie DeBlauw, Schuyler, Neb.; and Dwight and Lois Moser, Danbury, Iowa.

## OBITUARIES

**Gordon T. Bennett**  
Gordon T. Bennett, 90, Maryville, died Tuesday, March 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He was born Aug. 10, 1909 to J. and Winifred Bennett in Bolckow.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Marilyn Gaugh; son, Donald, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Services were March 18 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Hopkins Cemetery.

**J. David White**  
J. David White, 81, Maryville, died Saturday, March 18 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen, Texas.

He was born Feb. 10, 1919 to Jesse and Myrtle White in Amity. He is survived by his wife, Sue; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Mike Sperry, Bonnie and Steve Sutton and Polly and Bruce Twaddle and nine grandchildren. Services were March 24 at First Baptist Church in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens.

**Ronald Dean Davis**  
Ronald Dean Davis, 75, Ravenwood, died Saturday, March 18 at Maryville Health Care Center in Maryville. He was born Oct. 14, 1924 to James Davis and Catherine Pederson in Coception Junction.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; and two sons, Don and Kurt. Services were March 21 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

**Mark Payne**  
Mark Payne, 47, Rock Rapids, Iowa died Monday, March 20 in Ames, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; son, Michael; three daughters, Erin, Tara and Caitlin; mother, Lois; brother, Robert; two sisters, Mary Lahiff and Cora Maki and two grandchildren. Services were March 28 at Roste Funeral Home in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Burial was at Holy Name Catholic Cemetery in Rock Rapids.

**Alice C. Thurman**  
Alice C. Thurman, 96, Parnell, died Tuesday, March 21 at St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City. She was born March 21, 1904 to Emil and Minnie Erdmann in Verden, S.D. She is survived by a son, Bobbie Thurman; daughter, Betty Lucas; brother, Kurt Erdmann; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Services were March 25 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Parnell.

**Wayne W. Smith**  
Wayne W. Smith, 65, Maryville, died Wednesday, March 22 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. He was born July 31, 1934 to Everett and Irene Smith in Ainsworth, Neb. He is survived by his wife, Donna; two sons, Les and Greg; two daughters, Patty Sowards and Marjorie Garnett; mother; four brothers, John, Cliff, Dallas and Ken; two sisters, Helen Barber and Carol Lauf and 11 grandchildren.

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# all that Glitters

By STACIE DOWELL  
MISSOURIAN STAFFER

**T**he Oscar statuette is one of the most coveted awards in the entertainment field, and this year was no different when the hunt began to find the 55 statues which were stolen. This was not the only problem the Academy Awards experienced this year — some of the ballots were misplaced.

All but three of the missing statues were found and the ballots were re-sent. Thus the Academy and its followers could turn their attention to more pressing questions — who would win and what would they be wearing?

Billy Crystal was this year's host and entertained the audience with his quick wit and usual parodies of movies up for Best Picture.

Crystal went for the most obvious jokes about the missing Oscars and Best Actress nominee Annette Bening being eight and a half months pregnant. He said he found one of the missing Oscars "in Erykah Badu's hat" and the other two in a bag of oranges.

His opening number had him singing dead people, a reference to "The Sixth Sense," in a silent movie with Charlie Chaplin, getting slapped by Marlon Brando and portraying an ugly Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate."

He also made reference to the 72nd Annual Academy Awards being referred to as "Regis's Night Off."

Although there was talk about the missing interpretive dance numbers the Academy decided to cut out this year, the Academy filled this space with video and music montages.

Haley Joel Osment, the 11-year-old from "The Sixth Sense," introduced a montage of actors and actresses in their younger days including Elizabeth Taylor, Shirley Temple and Mickey Rooney. Singers Garth Brooks, Dionne Warwick, Ray Charles, Queen Latifah, Burt Bacharach and Faith Hill performed past Oscar nominees and winners from the Best Original Song category, including songs like "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "The Man that Got Away," and "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head."

## ACADEMY AWARDS DAZZLE WITH FASHION, MUSIC, ENTERTAINERS, YEAR'S BEST OF FILM

Stars such as Robin Williams, Phil Collins, Sarah McLachlan and Randy Newman also performed their own songs that were up for this year's Best Original Song Categories.

Although most of the Oscar related polls and magazine articles correctly predicted this year's winners, no one knew for sure what the stars would be wearing.

A return to old Hollywood glamour was found this year, with both retro and vintage styles. Colors were bright, but stars like Cameron Diaz and Chloe Sevigny stayed with the little black dress.

Even Cher wore an understated dress by Bob Mackie. She apologized to the Academy for dressing like a grown up and promised to never do it again.

Couture dresses also seemed to point to what stars would be wearing in the coming years.

Lilac purple seemed to be the new color of the awards show.

Young stars such as Mena Suvari and Thora Birch chose to wear old classics such as Armani and Escada.

Some couples even coordinated their ensembles. Both Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman were wearing designs by John Galiano for Christian Dior.

The Nielsen Media Research said the awards ceremony dropped one percent in ratings although it was still the most watched show of the week. Some students in Maryville, were among the curious watchers.

"I'd only seen two of the movies, so I was curious as to who would win Best Picture, and I wanted to know what everyone was going to wear," said computer management major Jeanne Swarnes.

Other students watched only because there was nothing else on.

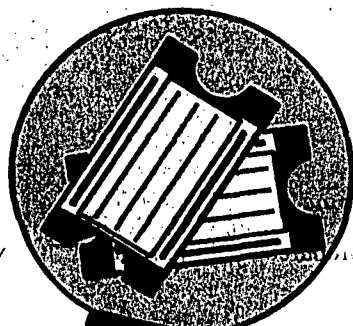
"There was too many musical numbers and it was too long," said Joel Dicks, computer management major.

Though the show did run over four hours long, there was enough glitz and glamour to fascinate any avid star watcher and enough time during the acceptance speeches to get your laundry done.



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## How the OSCARS are Won

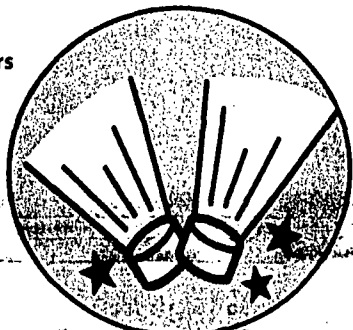


Every November, movie studios begin campaigning for their film to win a nomination. Movie studios invite Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences members to free showings of their film in hopes of being nominated.

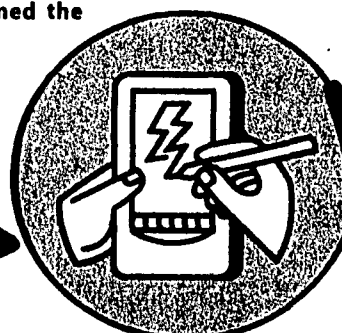
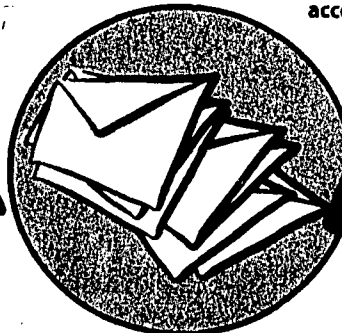
This leads up to the nomination voting. Nomination ballots are mailed to members in early January. Their secret ballots are tabulated by the Pricewaterhouse Coopers, a private accounting firm.

The results of the voting are announced at 5:30 a.m. in early February at a press-filled Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills.

The final ballots are mailed to members in early March. Two partners of Pricewaterhouse Coopers tabulate the ballots. They are the only people who know the results until the envelopes are opened the night of the Oscars.



Late March celebrities, directors and producers gather for a night of laughter, suspense, fashion and glamour to honor the previous year's work in the film industry. The public watches at home the drama unfold of who will win which awards.



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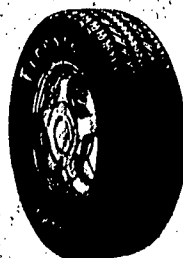
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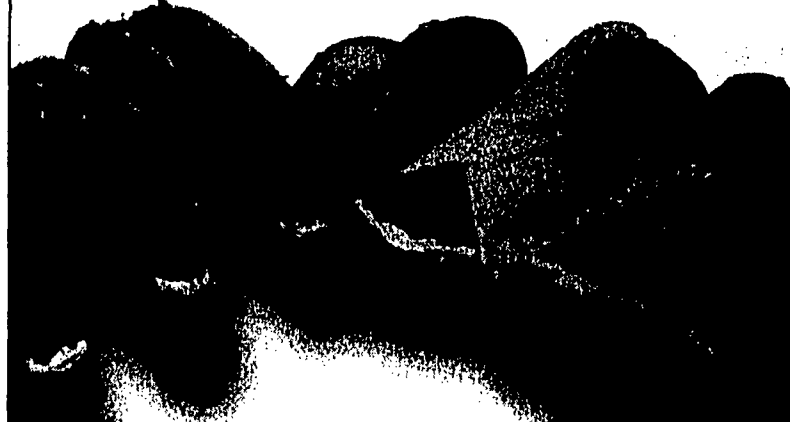
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